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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR  
1.136(a)**

**Address to:**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Customer Number	24353
Application Number	09/736,968
Confirmation Number	8280
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First Named Inventor	LU, PETER S.
Examiner Name	BUNNER, BRIDGET E.
Group Art Unit	1647
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☐ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ 410.00
- ☐ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 205.00.

**The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0815. If additional fees are required, including extensions of time, please consider this a petition therefore.**

- I am the:
- ☐ applicant/inventor
  - ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest.  
See 37CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) is enclosed.
  - ☒ attorney or agent of record

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